

Amendments to the claims:

1. (currently and previously amended) A system of personal and business web cards, comprising a server having at least a search engine, at least one database storing personal and business contact information including but not limited to names, telephone numbers, addresses and additional background information, a plurality of public users' apparatus capable of accessing the server and the database through the Internet, wherein said information are arranged in a hierarchical tree and denoted with a Hash table, and a branch of the hierarchical tree is under each entry contained in the Hash table, and wherein the server and the corresponding database are constructed such that the search engine performs not only an accurate search but also a fuzzy search, through which an inquiry is first broken down into a plurality of words by dividing a stream of characters of the inquiry into certain all possible-meaningful words composed of the characters of the inquiry to form a word collection in accordance with predetermined rules as stored in a memory of the database, each of the divided words of the word collection being computed to local a node, thereby generating a result collection, and all of the result collections forming a big result collection and being weighted and sorted so as to obtain a final selected result collection.
2. (previously amended) A The system of claim 1, wherein said server is connected to the users through any portal of ISP, ASP and LAN.
3. (previously amended) A The system of claim 1, wherein the server and database receive a the search inquiry from inputting means, and the search engine of the server includes processing means, and control means, and conducts the search first in accordance with the Hash table.
4. (previously amended) A The system of claim 1, wherein said accurate search is performed through the Hash table and the hierarchical tree structure, in which nodes along the route from the Hash table to the hierarchical tree constitute the

corresponding to characters of the inquiry matching the entry of the personal and business contact information.

5. (previously amended) A The system of claim 4, wherein the Hash table contains pointers, at the nodes, directing to the personal and business contact information stored in a memory of the database.
6. (Canceled)
7. (previously amended) A The system of claim 6 1, wherein each of the divided characters match automatically with web card names, additional information, with respect to the personal and business contact information.
8. (currently and previously amended) A method of managing personal and business contact information at a remote location, that is accessible through the Internet, comprising the steps of:
 - a) providing at least one server having at least one search engine, and a database;
 - b) storing personal and business contact information in said database, including but not limited to names, telephone numbers, addresses and additional background information;
 - c) entering a search inquiry through one of a plurality of Internet accessible users' apparatus;
 - d) analyzing the inquiry with an analyzer with predetermined rules stored therein, and breaking down the inquiry into a predetermined number of words by converting characters of said inquiry into certain meaningful words composed of the characters in accordance with predetermined rules before running the search; and
 - e) running each of said words by the search engine through said database to get a collection of search result, to local a corresponding node, thereby generating a result collection of each word, and all of the result collections forming a big result collection and being weighted and sorted so as to obtain a final selected

result collection, wherein said personal and business contact information are arranged in a hierarchical tree and denoted with a Hash table, and a branch of the hierarchical tree is under each entry contained in the Hash table.

9. (previously mended) A The method of claim 8, wherein said personal and business contact information is encoded into Unicode, that corresponds to a standard set of characters of a native language.
10. (previously amended) A The method of claim 9, wherein the Hash table contains a table of all entries of the Unicode characters, and each entry corresponds to a branch of said hierarchical tree.
11. (currently and previously amended) A The method of claim 8, wherein at each of nodes from ~~said Hash table to~~ of corresponding branches of said hierarchical tree, a pointer is provided to direct to a piece of the corresponding personal and business contact information.
12. (previously amended) A The method of claim 8, further comprising a step of converting characters of said inquiry into corresponding phonetic spelling words in accordance with predetermined rules when the inquiry contains phonetic alphabetic letters before running the search.
13. (new) The method of claim 8, wherein the divided characters form Chinese words or phrases as they are constructed at the corresponding nodes along the route from the Hash table to the nodes of the hierarchical tree.
14. (new) A method of managing personal and business contact information at a remote location, that is accessible through the Internet, comprising the steps of:
 - a) providing at least one server having at least one search engine, and a database;

- b) storing personal and business contact information in said database, including but not limited to names, telephone numbers, addresses and additional background information;
- c) entering a search inquiry of phonetic spelled characters through one of a plurality of Internet accessible users' apparatus;
- d) analyzing the inquiry with an analyzer with predetermined rules stored therein, and breaking down the inquiry into a predetermined number of words by converting the phonetic spelled characters of said inquiry into certain meaningful words composed of the characters in accordance with predetermined rules before running the search; and
- e) running each of said words by the search engine through said database to local a corresponding node, thereby generating a result collection of each word, and all of the result collections forming a big result collection and being weighted and sorted so as to obtain a final selected result collection, wherein said personal and business contact information are arranged in a hierarchical tree and denoted with a Hash table, and a branch of the hierarchical tree is under each entry contained in the Hash table.

15. (new) The method of claim 14, wherein the search inquiry may include not only phonetic spelled characters, but also characters in natural language, and such characters in natural language will be changed into equivalent phonetic spelling of said characters before running the search.

16. (new) The method of claim 14, wherein the phonetic spelled characters form Chinese words or a phrase as they are constructed at the corresponding nodes along the route from the Hash table to the nodes of the hierarchical tree.